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TOPIC Volkspolizei Units near Ritz on Gruenow Island

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1. On 11 August 1950 it was learned that four three-story buildings of the former KdF-Bad (Nazi Workers' Organization seaside resort) near Binz (N 55/P 85) were occupied to capacity by VP units totaling 1,000 to 1,500 police. (1) About 650 police returning from town leave were seen on the evening of 11 August 1950. About one-tenth of them wore a silver cord on their caps and all shoulder straps bordered by broad silver braids. The inner part of the epaulets was lightly interwoven with silver. It was said that the personnel belonged to a VP school. (2)
2. On 20 August 1950 a policeman of the Prora (N 55/P 76) VP school stated that the school had 1,400 police and was commanded by Fritz Feldmann (1) and (3). The nine-month course running at that time was to end in mid-September 1950. The trainees were primarily given political indoctrination but also received technical police training and arms and field training. Only light infantry arms, such as pistols, model 98-K carbines and light machine guns, were used in field training. To receive training with heavy weapons, including Soviet tanks, the VP trainees were detached to Muestrow (L 54/T 98). (4)
3. The southern rest-cure building of the former seaside resort was being remodeled as a large hall.

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(1) [] Comments.

(1) [] the VP school (Inf) in Prora, Ruegen Island, which has been repeatedly confirmed. []

(2) The observation of uniforms of Polizeimeister (equivalent to warrant officers) confirms a previous report that officer candidates received training as company commanders at the school. []

(3) Chefinspekteur Brandt was previously identified as school commandant. [] The statement that the school was headed by Fritz Feldmann is doubted.

(4) A VP school (Armd) is located at Priemerwald near Guestrow. []

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